

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-289-001

I have not attended any meetings regarding the proposed power lines, but have become involved with local people in researching this project and the need for it to cut across farmland. I would like to know more as to the reasoning why this route was chosen and not the Hwy 52 corridor. It makes more sense to run it down the corridor versus crossing land and disrupting vegetation, wild life and waterways.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

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Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Our farm has been in our family for many generations, located amongst a protected waterway, forests and prime farm land. Constructing high energy power lines would significantly mar the landscape and drive down property value of land and residential homes.

Our farm is located in Goodhue County, Holden Township, Southeast Minnesota.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc.) in the Project area and why?

Our farm has been in my family for 5 generations. It was homesteaded in 1855 and has been farmed since that time until my parents moved off of it 14 years ago. At the present time, my family has been living on the farm enjoying the beauty and aesthetics of the surrounding area. The farm is currently owned and operated by my mother and continues to be used for agricultural purposes. The power lines would forge right through prime agricultural land, destroy natural

habitats and be an eyesore for those living in the area.

#### I-289-002

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-289-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources, wildlife, and the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☒ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? N/A

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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Using agricultural land to place high power lines; particularly in an area that has committed itself to preserving its heritage.

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Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.